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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the application as set forth below and consider the following remarks: *In the Specification:*

Please replace the specification as pending with the attached substitute specification in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52. The contents of the originally filed and the substitute specification are the same. The substitute specification contains no new matter.

Please insert the sequence listing pages 1-77 at the end of the specification.

REMARKS

In response to the June 14, 2001 Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, Applicants submit herewith a substitute specification with proper margins in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.52.

In response to the June 14, 2001 Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, Applicants submit herewith an initial computer readable form (CFR) copy of the "Sequence Listing"; an initial paper copy of the "Sequence Listing"; and a statement that the content of the paper and computer readable copies are the same and include no new matter, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. The specification has been amended to insert the sequence listing.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Attorney Reference No.

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15966-729 (Cura-229). Should any questions or issues arise concerning this application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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